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## Viewing cable 05CAIRO6414, VISIT OF NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY WELCH: DEFENSE

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### Understanding cables

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- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05CAIRO6414	2005-08-21 12:28	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Cairo

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<http://www.al-akhbar.com/node/10073>  
<http://www.al-akhbar.com/node/10185>

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 006414

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/21/2015

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY WELCH: DEFENSE  
MINISTER CONFIRMS PLANS TO VISIT U.S.

Classified by Charge Stuart Jones for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) During an August 18 telephone conversation with visiting NEA Assistant Secretary Welch, Egyptian Minister of Defense Tantawi confirmed that he planned to accept an invitation from the U.S. Secretary of Defense to visit Washington. Tantawi said that he intended to travel after the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Welch mentioned that he had recently been in contact with Congressional leaders on the subject of Egypt, and counseled Tantawi to be particularly attentive to Congressional concerns over, and interest in, political developments in Egypt.

12. (C) On the subject of Egypt's coming Presidential elections, Welch said that he was in Cairo to discuss a variety of topics with Egyptian officials, including the progress on Egypt's evolving experiment with democracy. He was not in Egypt, Welch joked, to interfere in Egypt's political process. (Note: It is useful for Tantawi - one of Egypt's stalwart old guards - to continue hearing that Washington does not intend to meddle in the details of Egypt's electoral process, but will be watching closely and insisting on fairness, openness, and transparency.)

13. (U) This message was cleared by A/S Welch.

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